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OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by ſome of the Society of GENTLEMEN, that were Concern'd in the First VOLUME.

From Monday April 17th. to Wedneſday April 19th. 1710.

Q. GENTLEMEN, Aſharelah, Melatiah, *Names of two diſtinct Perſons; one in* Nehemiah, *the other in* Chronicles, *were given for a* Chriſtian *Name at Baptiſm. I deſire to know whether it may properly be ſaid to be a* Chriſtian *Name in the* Bible, *it being not once mention'd in the* New Teſtament. *It is for the Deciſion of a Wager, therefore your punctual and ſpeedy Anſwer is deſired by*

Your Servant unknown, T. R.

A. If by a *Chriſtian* Name you meant the Name that is impos'd upon Perſons at their Baptiſm, in that Senſe all Names may be *Chriſtian*, without regarding whether they are to be found in the Old Teſtament, or the New, or indeed in neither; ſo that for Inſtance *David*, *Peter* and *Edward* may with equal Propriety be called *Chriſtian* Names, tho' for Diſtinction's ſake the two firſt are *Chriſtian* Names in the *Bible*, and the other not. According to this Vulgar Acceptation, it may not be improper to ſay a *Chriſtian* Name in the *Bible*, tho' that Name may not be mention'd in the New Teſtament. And even in the New Teſtament there are Names of ſeveral Perſons mentioned that were not *Chriſtians*: But it wou'd be Childiſh to argue that they are *Chriſtian* Names only becauſe they are placed there.

Q. Gentlemen, *In Anſwering the following Queſtion out of the* Liturgy, *as ſoon as you can, you will very much Oblige your Admirer,* S. D.

Q. *Give Peace in our time O Lord?*

A. Becauſe there is none other Fighteth for us, but only thou O God.

Which Anſwer ſeems to be given as a Reaſon that we ſhou'd deſire Peace, yet implies an inſufficiency in God. If God be for us why ſhou'd we fear what Man can do unto us.

A. We can ſee nothing either abſurd or obſcure in this Anſwer. For the Reaſon given for our deſiring Peace is Good, ſince God alone can procure it for us by Fighting our Battels. It is certain we cannot procure it, by our own Arm, and therefore we Addreſs our ſelves to God in Words to this effect, 'Tis thou only O Lord, who Fighteſt our Cauſe that canſt make us to dwell in ſafety.

Q. Sirs, *In the 4 Chapter of* Geneſis *we read, that Cain* went out from the preſence of the Lord, and dwelt in the land of *Nod*, on the Eaſt of *Eden*, and *Cain* knew his Wife, and ſhe conceived and bare *Enoch*, and he builded a City and called the name of the City after the name of his Son *Enoch*. *The Queſtion is of whom this Woman was Born, which* Cain *took for his Wife. On which your Anſwer,*

Gentlemen, *Yours.* T. N E. R. A.

A. A Queſtion concerning *Cain*'s Wife was Anſwered in our firſt Volume.

Q. Gentlemen, *I deſire that you would be pleas'd to let me know what are the Articles of the Church of* England, *and what Book I may buy to ſee them, and withall I deſire that you would be pleas'd to explain wherein the Presbyterians differ from thoſe Articles; and alſo to inform me, whether the Church of* Scotland *hath any Articles; if they have let me know what they are or in what Book, and I will buy it. Pray, Anſwer this in your next and you will Oblige,*

Your Subſcriber. S. R.

A. Moſt *Common Prayer Books*, eſpecially of the Folio Editions have the 39 Articles annexed to them. Thoſe of them from which the Presbyterians generally diſſent are the 20th, 34th, 35th, 36th. There are others that ſome of them ſcruple at. Neither is every one of theſe four mention'd rejected by them all; ſo that they are not yet agree'd which to refuſe. The Book that is eaſieſt to be met with, that contains the Articles of the Church of *Scotland*, according to it's Preſent Presbyterian Eſtabliſhment, is *Chamberlain*'s *Preſent State of Great Britain*, where you may Read them, for they are too long to be inſerted here.

Q. Gentlemen, *Pray, adviſe me of the beſt method a Young Man of about Eighteen Years of Age can take to Spell well; he having preſent occaſion for the ſame, becauſe he is going to Sea.* G. F.

A. This is not to be attain'd preſently, but is got only by a diligent Obſervation of the Spelling of

Words as you Read; a farther Help to which will be a good *Engliſh* Dictionary ſuch as that of *Coles*, which you muſt conſult while you are Writing as often as you ſhall doubt of the Spelling of any Word. This is the readieſt way of attaining the Orthography of our Language, in which as there are many deficient, ſo we muſt do them the Juſtice to ſay that the Fault ſeems to be more in the Language itſelf, than in the Capacity of thoſe that Learn it. For to lay down all the Rules of our Orthography wou'd be a difficult and laborious Employment, and if that were done, it wou'd at laſt perhaps be ſooner attained by Obſervation and Practice than by Art. In every rational Language, Orthography ought to be the Rule of Pronunciation, or Pronunciation that of Orthography; and every Letter in a Word ought to have a diſtinct and conſtant Sound. But in our Language there is a vaſt Difference between our Writing and Speaking, and the Obſervation which Sir *Thomas Smith* made long ago of the *French* Language, dos in ſome Degree hold true of ours, that it is *ineptiſſimè confuſa, aliàs ad faſtidium otioſis ſuffarcta literis; alias ad mendicitatem inops & jejuna; nunquam ſibi conſtans, & raro rationi conſona.* It was expected, that in the 40 Years Labor which the Learned Gentlemen of the *French* Academy ſpent in the Reformation of their Language, this moſt egregious Abuſe of it wou'd have been remedied; but after all their Noiſe and Vanity about it we find it ſtill continue, in this Reſpect, the moſt Fooliſh, Inconſiſtent and Confuſed Language in *Europe*, and perhaps in the World. It is true that as to our own Language ſeveral Learned Perſons have taken much Pains about regulating the Orthography of it, the moſt Ingenious attempt of which kind we take to be Dr. *Holder*'s Treatiſe *Of the Elements of Speech*, which is well worth any Curious Readers Peruſal. But ſo invincible is general Cuſtom, that we ſtill retain the ſame Errors and Incongruities in our Writing, which are ſo often complained of by Learned Men; nor muſt we expect a Reformation till Encouraged by Authority. Since we have had this Occaſion to Speak of the Difficulty of our Orthography, we thought it not improper to deliver our Sentiments thus freely upon it.

Q. Worthy Sirs, *Your Advice is earneſtly deſired in a doubtful Matter, and without any Apology I proceed to ſtate the Caſe particularly and impartially. Some Years ſince, a Young Man's ſtation in the World introduced him to the ſight of a Young Lady, who hath the Aſcendant over his Affections above all he ever ſaw before, or ſince. While he was Reflecting how to put his Reſolutions in Execution, the very Opportunity he wiſh'd for ſeaſonably recommended him to the Company and Converſation of her and the whole Family: Some time after he had diſclos'd his Mind, began ſuch Reciprocal and Affectionate Love, which infinitely exceeded his Expectation. But in the Interim there happen'd an unhappy Misfortune, which render'd his Fortune in the World conſiderably leſs (yet nothing touch'd his Reputation, nor influenc'd his Station or Calling) and quite diſappointed his once blooming hopes of gaining the Conſent of her Parents. But this not at all waver'd the Affections of the Young Lady, as he hath many demonſtrations to believe, they being ſtill as Permanent as ever. From whence he conceives himſelf to lay under one of theſe three Obligations, either to abandon her and relinquiſh his Addreſſes; or to Marry her againſt her Parents Conſent; or to wait till their Deceaſe, And if ſo whether can they be juſtified in converſing together. Pray, give a ſpeedy Anſwer, and offer what advice you think moſt ſafe and conſonant to Reaſon. It will highly Oblige a Recommender of your Undertaking.* L. T.

A. The only Obligation upon the Conſcience of the Perſon concern'd in this Caſe is, that he do not Marry the Woman without the Conſent of her Parents. Indeed ſuch an unreaſonable and tyrannical Abuſe of the Power of Parents in withholding their Conſent to ſuch Matches, only upon a little Diſparity of Fortune, where notwithſtanding there may be a happy Agreement of Manners and Inclinations, the only ſolid Foundation of all happy Marriages, might ſeem to juſtifie a Marriage againſt their Conſents; but ſince ſuch a Practice, if general, might be attended with ill Conſequences, and ſince Parents have a Natural Right of diſpoſing their Children in Marriage, and that Right is confirmed by the Laws of our Nation, an Offence of this kind wou'd certainly concern the Conſcience. 'Tis true, the want of this Circumſtance do's not diſannul a Marriage when actually conſummated, according to a Maxim in Law, *Quod fieri non debet factum valet*: yet *in foro conſcientiæ* the Offence is the ſame. As to the two other Particulars, either of abandoning her, or ſtaying for her till the Death of Parents in point of Conſcience he is at Liberty, and may do either of them, as Prudence or Expedience ſhall direct. He is at Liberty to abandon her, if no mutual Promiſe of Marriage has paſſed betwixt them; and the Lady on the other ſide has a power to refuſe all other Offers during the Life of her Parents, and to reſerve her ſelf for him. For the Parents have but a negative Authority in this Caſe; they may refuſe their Conſent to her Marriage, but they cannot force whom they pleaſe upon her. The Parties may likewiſe continue their Freedom of Converſation, provided it be conſiſtent with Virtue and Reputation, and there be no Command of the Parents to the contrary. Farther than this we do not believe the Queriſt expects our Advice, unleſs we were inſtructed with more Circumſtances.

Q. Gentlemen, *Never Fellow was ſo finely fool'd as I am. I had Eſtate enough to live like a Man, but not contented muſt Marry a Woman of Seventy odd for the ſake of* 20000 l. *When we were going to Bed, I found one buſy with her in a corner, which I diſcover'd to be taking off a Wooden Leg. I was a little ſhockt, but preſently the thoughts of* 20000 l. *recover'd me. By and by, a Glaſs-Eye was took out, yet* 20000 l. *bore up my Spirits. Next came out a ſet of Teeth,* 20000 l. *then ſcarcely Duty'd them up, but when we came to Bed (pardon the unſavory Expreſſion) ſhe ſtunk like a Pole-cat. On this, for ſix hours I ſunk away, almoſt paſt hopes of Recovery, but at length* 20000 l. *got the aſcendant ſo I ſlept a little. As ſoon as I was up in the Morning a Letter came to me, to inform me that under the name of a real rich old Gentlewoman, I had married a poor, old, ſtinch, ſnuxt Baud. Now Gentlemen, if you can inſtruct me whence I may reap one glimpſe of Comfort from theſe Matrimonial matters, I will believe you to be more than Men.*

A. Thus we find, we create to our ſelves the greateſt Infelicities of our Lives, by entertaining a wrong notion of things. How many, that had the Judgment to make a right Conſtruction of them, wou'd envy your Circumſtances, from the many inconveniencies they free you from, and the Bleſſing they afford you? If your Spouſe be ſubject to Gadding or Proſecute you in your Frolicks, 'tis but locking up her Wooden Leg and ſhe is effectually prevented. With her one Eye, ſhe may diſcover more of your Intreagues than may be for your quiet, and can you then wiſh her two. How many eternally teez'd with a peviſh Woman's Tooth-ach, have wiſh'd them all out, yet you are impatient under that good Fortune. Her Stink indeed may be

be a little Irkſome, but what wonderful Cures may ſhe effect on the *Falling-ſickneſs, Fits of the Mother*, &c. and why not Cure the *Palſey* as well as a rank *Fox*? She is a Jewel Man, were it for this property alone. Her being an Old Fluxt Bawd ſecures you from the greateſt *Plague* of the Married *Life*, *Jealouſy*. With what contentation may you truſt her with all Mankind, whilſt you obſerve thoſe who Marry the Young and Beautiful, to have that *Vulture* perpetually Gnawing on their Bowels? What reaſon have you then to bleſs your Stars for being ſo propitious to you?

POEMS.

Q. SAGE Oracle, *that far excells*
Fam'd Athens *and Old* Sidrophels;
That needs no Paraphraſe, nor Comment,
But Solves all Queſtions in a Moment,
Decide the Conteſt, ſince you're able,
If Grandſire Adam *had a Navel,*
And eke Old Eve, *for ſparing Nature,*
Makes naught Superfluous in a Creature.
Say, yea, or no, in faith I'm Careleſs,
Bring in therefore your Verdict fearleſs,
Which if you do without a Pother,
I'll be your Conſtant Friend and Lover.

Yours, G. A.

A. Both *Navels* had, as we have taught,
And ſhew'n Sound Reaſons for our Thought;
By which it plainly do's appear,
Nature is not Superflu'ous here;
Nor could Perfection in Man's Frame,
B' accounted for without the ſame.
But as you Careleſs ſeem, to know,
Whether we'll Anſwer yea or no;
As Careleſs we, to ſolve your Query,
With greater Lights, than under here be.

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Q. *What means this*, Ye Learned, *ſhow*,
As the Blind Man Shot the Crow?

A. 'Tis when ought ('thout Judgment meant)
Finds Effect by Accident.
Thus a Lady with her Eyes,
May a Faithful Heart Surprize,
When ſhe levell'd at a Rover,
Worthy leſs to be a Lover.
Thus Phyſicians may by Chance,
Proper Remedies advance;
Knowing the Diſeaſe no more,
Than if ne'er reveal'd before;
Thus may your Impertinence,
Deviate ſometimes into Senſe.

Ad Oxonienſes *Viros.*

Q. Ye Learned, *who are come from* Oxon,
T' all Difficulties o'th' Head give Knocks-on,
Juſt as a Butcher *Head of* Ox *on*;
Wee now bid Heartily you welcome,
I'm ſure that I do, Benj'min Pelcome.
Now ſince I've giv'n you time to reſt in,
Before I'd ſend you a Requeſt in;
Say not your Jobbernoles are Weary,
Therefore you cannot Anſwer Query,
Or that you're Sore and Leather lack,
Therefore an Anſwer can't ſend back.
Pray, Anſwer ſoon, that's if you can, Sirs,
(Me ſo I'd have you underſtand, Sirs)
What I ſhall ſpeedily advance, Sirs.
When I a Glaſs-ball have in Hand,
That's full of Water, as hold it can,
The hole then downwards I unſtop,
Why do's it not out run a Drop.
I wonder much, it ſhou'd not run out,
An Anſwer bring then, with a Pun out.

Hackney. Benjaminus.

A. The Reaſon you may reſt upon,
For this allow'd Phænomenon;
Is 'cauſe that *Nature* wont admit,
A *Vacuum* on her Throne to ſit;
The Water therefore will not come,
'Thout ſomething to ſupply it's Room.'
Your Head thus being very full
Of Brains, they'll not part from your Scull,
And thence 'tis that you Write ſo dull.
Tho' 'tis a Notion, Fooliſh Strains
Ariſe from the defect of Brains;
That's falſe, for if you have too many,
'Tis juſt as if you had not any,
For as the Water, none can uſe it,
Until you know how to produce it;
So Wit untill it is brought forth,
Cannot be thought of any worth.

Q. *Ye Learned Sages that abound*
In Knowledge, and in Arts profound,
Pray, tell your Queriſt if he may
Rely on what the Vulgar ſay,
That when the Moon's in her Increaſe,
If Corns be cut they'll grow apace;
But if you always do take care,
After the Full, your Corns to pare,
They do inſenſibly decay,
And will in time wear quite away,
If this be true pray let me know,
And give the reaſon why tis ſo.

Yours, A. B.

A. The *Moon* no more regards your Corns,
Than *Cits* do one another's *Horns*,
'Cept Sympathy's on your behalf,
By paſſing for a true *Moon-Calf*;
Your Corns might then her Courſe maintain,
And juſt like her, might Wax and Wane.

But

But if ſuch eaſy Cure there were,
Who longer wou'd the Anguiſh bear,
And to Diſtruction of Shoe-Leather,
Walk 's if their Limbs ſcarce hung together?
Who with ſcrew'd Phiz and knitted Brow,
Wou'd look a skew as you may now?
Diverſions better *Phœbe* knows,
Than to conſider your Gall'd Toes.

In laſt *Friday*'s Paper, in the laſt Poem, and laſt Line but one, for *they* r. *thou*. In laſt Paper, in the laſt Line of the Poetry for *the* r. *Thee*.

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SIR,

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